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Following are the main points of detailed orders which were transmitted in leaflet form to South China Peoples Liberation Army regimental commanders by LIAO Cheng-chih, South China Communist leader.

(a) Fifth columnists are to be trained to fill key positions in Nationalist military and civil organizations. In order to undertake this immediately, certain persons are to surrender at once to the Nationalists.

(b) A vigorous propaganda and provocation campaign is to be started. Specifically, every effort will be made toward anti-Central Government propaganda in the Nationalist Army and in areas under Central Government control. Communist troops, disguised as Nationalists, will pillage the countryside. Riots are to be instigated in cities and towns, but assistance will be given to those who indicate sympathy toward the Communists.

(c) The South China Peoples Liberation Army will seize custom houses in order to secure revenue and to prevent Central Government interference with Communist economic and trading activities.

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